

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

We need as much potential for diversity in the press as possible to support a free and open society where communications are not inhibited or screened by a narrow group of overseers. The overwhelming influence of power and money in this context makes it imperative that there be small independent outlets outside the main stream of economic power to keep open discussions of significant issues in our society.